- Operationalising Community Health Centers as First Referral Units (FRUs) and Primary Health Centers for 24×7 services;
- Augmenting the availability of skilled manpower by means of different skill-based trainings such as Skilled Birth Attendance;
- Training of MBBS Doctors in Life Saving Anaesthetic Skills and Emergency Obstetric Care including Caesarean Section;
- Provision of Ante-natal and Post Natal Care services; prevention and treatment of Anaemia by supplementation with Iron and Folic Acid tablets during pregnancy and lactation;
- Organizing Village Health and Nutrition Day at Anganwadi Centers;
- Appointment of an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) to facilitate accessing of health care services by the community including pregnant women;
- Strengthening of Health Facilities.

Early warning system for outbreak of epidemics

3749. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to transform the integrated disease surveillance programme into an early warning system for outbreak of epidemics;

(b) if so, whether Government has since taken any steps to introduce early warning system of any such diseases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to seek the help of foreign countries in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) is a decentralized state based disease surveillance programme, intended to detect and respond to early warning signals of impending disease outbreaks and identify new emerging diseases. Information on disease outbreaks is collected on SOS, daily and weekly basis under IDSP.

(d) and (e) IDSP seeks technical collaboration and support from the Centre for Disease Control, Atlanta (USA), as and when necessary, in the areas of disease surveillance and outbreak investigations, health informatics and laboratory-based surveillance.